REMARKS

The claims now pending in the application are Claims 1 to 13, Claims 1 and 9 to 13 are the independent claims. Claims 1 and 9 to 13 have been amended herein.

In the Official Action dated April 7, 2004, Claims 1 to 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite in that the term "said plurality of mounting positions" lacks a proper antecedent basis. The objected-to term "said plurality of mounting positions" has been changed to "said mounting position" for which there is an antecedent basis in these claims. Accordingly, it is believed that Claims 1 and 10-13 as currently amended fully meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1 to 4, 6 and 9 to 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,769,374 (Martin), and Claims 5, 7 and 8 variously were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as unpatentable over the Martin '374 patent, alone or in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,676,567 (Mouchi). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections respectfully are requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The rejections of the claims over the cited art respectfully are traversed. Nevertheless, without conceding the propriety of the rejections, Claims 1 and 9 through 13 have been amended herein more clearly to recite various novel features of the present invention, with particular attention to the Examiner's comments. Support for the proposed amendments may be found in the original application. No new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that the prior art fails to anticipate the present invention. Moreover, Applicant submits that there are differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art, such that the subject matter taken as a whole would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made.

Independent Claim 1 as currently amended is directed to an image display system in which image display apparatus is provided with a first electrode and a peripheral

device that can be mounted onto the image display apparatus is provided with a second electrode. A guide directs a path when the mounting position of the peripheral device on the image display apparatus is changed. The first electrode is placed in such a way as to contact the second electrode by positioning the peripheral device to the mounting position along the guide.

Independent Claim 9 as currently amended is directed to an image display apparatus that is capable of mounting a peripheral device. In the image display apparatus, a guide directs a path when a mounting position of the peripheral device on the image display apparatus is changed. An electrode contacts an electrode provided on the peripheral device. The electrode of the image display device is placed in such a way as to contact the electrode of the peripheral device by positioning the peripheral device to the mounting position along the guide.

Independent Claim 10 as currently amended is directed to a peripheral device for an image display apparatus capable of being mounted on the image display device. A mounting position of the peripheral device is changeable along a guide provided on the image display device. The peripheral device has an electrode that is placed in such a way as to contact an electrode provided on the image display apparatus by positioning the peripheral device to the mounting position.

Independent Claim 11 as currently amended is directed to an image display system that has an image display apparatus and a peripheral device mounted on the image display apparatus in such a way that the mounting position of the peripheral device on the image display system is changeable. The image display apparatus has a first electrode for electrically connecting to the peripheral device and the peripheral device has a second electrode for electrically connecting to the image display apparatus. The first electrode and the second electrode are placed so as to contact each other by positioning the peripheral device to the mounting position.

Independent Claim 12 as currently amended is directed to an image display apparatus with a peripheral device mounted in such a way that the mounting position of the peripheral device is changeable. The electrode of the image display apparatus is placed so as to contact the electrode provided on the peripheral device by positioning the peripheral device to the mounting position.

Independent Claim 13 as currently amended is directed to a peripheral device for an image display apparatus mounted on the image display apparatus in such a way that the mounting position of the peripheral device is changeable. In the peripheral device, an electrode contacts an electrode provided on the image display apparatus. The peripheral device electrode is placed so as to contact the electrode provided on the image display apparatus by positioning the peripheral device to the mounting position.

In Applicant's view, Martin et al. discloses a mounting arrangement in which the screen of a computer monitor is surrounded by a generally rectangular monitor housing frame portion having an outer peripheral side edge disposed generally perpendicularly to the screen, and a rear side edge area disposed generally parallel to the screen. A mounting groove is formed in and extends continuously around the peripheral frame side edge, and a spaced series of mounting holes extend around the length of the rear side edge area. A computer peripheral device has a body portion from which a spline outwardly projects, and a mounting flange portion with a spaced pair of holes formed therein and alignable with a selected pair of the frame mounting holes. The peripheral device may be removably mounted on a selectively variable position on the screen frame portion by inserting the spline into the frame groove and inserting suitable fastening members inwardly through the mounting flange holes and into the frame mounting holes aligned therewith. The peripheral device mounting flange is adjustable to compensate for width variations along the screen frame portion, and auxiliary support pins are provided that may be inserted into vacant screen frame mounting holes to act as wiring supports

upon which wiring from the mounted peripheral device may be rested to route the wiring from the peripheral device to a suitable source of power and at the same time at least partially conceal the wiring from view from the front of the monitor.

According to the invention defined in independent Claims 1 and 9 through 13, an electrode of an image display apparatus is placed in such a way as to contact an electrode of a peripheral device by positioning the peripheral device to a mounting position that is changeable on a guide of the of the image display apparatus. Advantageously, the peripheral device may be positioned at plural mounting positions for a variety of layouts without any external cables for power supply and transmission/reception of electrical signals.

Martin et al. may teach apparatus that mounts a computer peripheral device at selectively variable positions on a display monitor. As clearly disclosed at lines 55-63 of column 4 of Martin et al. with respect to Fig. 3, "To conveniently conceal the cable 62 from the view of a user located in front of the monitor, and generally tidy up the installation of the peripheral device 36 at its selectively variable location on the monitor 10, small plastic cable routing and support pins 64 are simply inserted into unused ones of the frame holes 37 (as illustrated in FIG. 3), and the cable 62 is run as shown along side surfaces of outwardly projecting portions of the pins 64 at the rear side of the frame structure 14a." Accordingly, Martin et al. requires a cable run on the outside of the monitor between a cable source on the monitor and a peripheral device mounted on the monitor to make an electrical connection but is devoid of any teaching or suggestion of an electrode provided with the display monitor or of a display monitor electrode placed so as to contact an electrode provided on a peripheral device by positioning the peripheral device to the selectively variable locations on the display monitor. It is therefore not seen that Martin et al. in any manner teaches or suggests the feature of Claims 1 and 9 through 13 of an electrode on a peripheral device contacting an electrode of an image display apparatus at

a changeable mounting position of the peripheral device on the image display apparatus. It is therefore believed that Claims 1 and 9 through 13 as currently amended are completely distinguished from Martin et al. and are allowable.

For the above reasons, Applicants submit that independent Claims 1 and 9 to 13 are allowable over the cited art.

Claims 2 to 8 depend from Claim 1, and are believed allowable for the same reasons. Moreover, each of these dependent claims recites additional features in combination with the features of independent Claim 1, and is believed allowable in its own right. Individual consideration of the dependent claims respectfully is requested.

In formal matters, the specification and the abstract have been amended as to matters of form, including English spelling, grammar, idiom, syntax and the like. No new matter has been added.

Applicant believes that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action, and submits that the application is in allowable form. Favorable reconsideration of the claims and passage to issue of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience earnestly are solicited.

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